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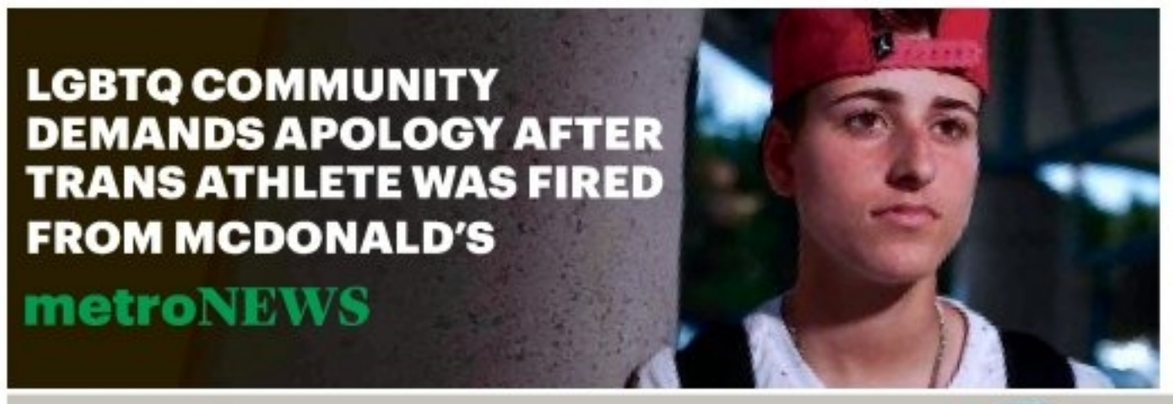

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The little safety signs that could

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A GTA councillor is hoping some simple lawn signs can have a big impact on pedestrian safety in the suburbs.

Mississauga has just started distributing signs that urge people to "Please Slow Down" on city streets. And — in a testament to how big of an issue road safety is becoming across the entire region — demand is exceeding supply, according to local councillors.

"We've already run out. They gave us 250 signs and they went in four days," Ward 1 councillor Jim Tovey said. "We've asked for another 250, and about 200 of those are already spoken for."

A rash of pedestrian and cyclist deaths in Peel Region over the summer brought the issue of road safety in the suburbs to the fore.

Among them was that of 58-year-old Steve Hancock, a former Olympian who died after being hit while cycling in Mississauga. He was riding with a group of other cyclists at the time.

Regardless of how the new lawn signs affect driver behaviour, Tovey wants them to be a catalyst for starting a conversation about ways to slow drivers down and design safer streets.

In particular, he's hoping they'll demonstrate the political will needed to boost the city's traffic calming budget, which currently sits at less than $100,000.

"We can make changes within our suburban realm that will urbanize us to the point where we feel like we have good traffic calming and safety measures," Tovey said.

Demand for the lawn signs has been high in every corner of the city, said Tovey.

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Kensington Market 'an eclectic grab bag'

ANTHROPOLOGY

Students study the diversity of the iconic neighbourhood

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Instead of travelling to a far-flung island to live among an isolated tribe, a group of University of Toronto anthropologists are turning to their own backyard to do some fieldwork.

Researchers at the school's ethnography lab have launched what's called an "ethnographic" study of Kensington Market.

It's the first time a Toronto neighbourhood has been put under the microscope like this. But similar techniques were used in Chicago to study gang life, said Joshua Barker, vice-dean of graduate education and associate professor of anthropology.

"It's really an important community for understanding Canadian diversity, and, also, the history of Toronto," he said of Kensington.

"There's a real interest in the creative side of Kensington Market (and understanding) the dynamics that have made to such a great place."

The research team is in the early stages of their work doing things like attending Pedestrian Sundays as volunteers and reporting back to the lab with field notes on their observations.

Colourful graffiti is just one part of what makes Kensington Market unique. COURTESY OF THE KENSINGTON MARKET RESEARCH PROJECT

They're also reaching to community groups and asking what they'd like to see done with the findings. One option is creating an archive of some sorts.

Part of the goal, Barker said, is to document the fabric of the neighbourhood as it changes.

"One of the things we're looking at carefully is what's going to happen to the neighbourhood when the large public housing tracts are demolished and rebuilt according to the new development proposals," Barker said.

Emily Hertzman, a doctoral student in anthropology, said Kensington is experiencing increasing pressure in terms "of gentrification, space and expansion," from debates about big-box stores to lower-income residents feeling boutiques are too pricey for them.

"So we look at, basically, people's reactions and responses to that and perceptions of that kind of pressure," she said.

Masters student Bronwyn Frey called the neighbourhood "an eclectic grab bag" of structures and people.

"The buildings aren't beautifully constructed, they're often very rundown, but somehow the interactions between the buildings are what makes it so unique," she said.

> **"It's a welcoming place for people from all walks of life.**
> Bronwyn Frey

INDIGENOUS HISTORY

Signs a throwback to the city's heritage

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A local project is trying to remind people of Toronto's indigenous history, one street sign at a time.

Susan Blight and Hayden King started the Ogimaa Mikana project back in 2013 when the Idle No More movement was making waves across the country. Inspired by the level of engagement, they wanted to take things further and revive indigenous language.

"Indigenous languages are really connected to our identity," said Blight, noting Canada hasn't assimilated indigenous people's languages into its history and policies — a move that had a "devastating effect" on their preservation.

"So we were looking for some ways to restore our languages while inserting our presence in the city," she said.

For the past three years, the project has involved adding stickers with the Anishinaabe language to street signs and historic plaques across the city. But, none of the stickers were sanctioned by the city and were removed shortly after they went up.

That was until recently when the Dupont BIA agreed to co-operate and mount permanent signs bearing indigenous names. At least four signs have gone up, combining the English and the Anishinaabe versions of the street name. The group hopes to continue working with other parts of the city to get more permanent signs installed — all of which can serve as a constant reminder that indigenous people were, and still are, here.

"As a member of the First Nations, I would say Toronto hasn't really done a great job of recognizing the indigenous history of this land," said Blight, student life co-ordinator at the University of Toronto's First Nations House. "People may not understand the language, but they will be intrigued to learn a little bit more about our history."

Street signs bearing Anishinaabe names. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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August bucks sales trend

REAL ESTATE

Usually slow month for condos saw 74% bump from 2015

In a sure sign that the vertical city is rapidly becoming the vertical region, the sale of new condos in the Toronto area is tracking to pass the level seen in 2011, the year the home building industry came roaring back from the 2008 recession.

There were 1,880 condos sold in August of this year, a typically slow month. That's about a 74 per cent increase over the same month last year and slightly more than the 1,754 units that sold in August of 2011, according to Altus Group data released Thursday by the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD).

There have been 17,949 highrise sales between January and August this year to date, compared to 17,380 in the same period of 2011. Condo sales are up 31 per cent this year to date over the same period last year.

The soaring highrise numbers come as the supply of new low-rise homes in the region — semis, towns and detached — dwindled to a 10-year low.

The soaring highrise numbers come as the supply of new low-rise homes in the Toronto area dwindled to a 10-year low. But the home building industry says the highrise supply is dropping, too. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The inventory of new low-rise homes was only 1,379 in August, compared to 16,560 in June 2006, when the provincial Growth Plan was introduced. That trend is fuelling price increases, said BILD CEO Bryan Tuckey.

> "As their family needs change, they'll want to have a choice in ground-related and larger condominium units."
> Bryan Tuckey

Demand for low-rise homes continues to be strong, however. The generation that has been content to live in a one-bedroom-plus-den condo is starting to have children and those families would like more space, he said.

"As their family needs change, they'll want to have a choice in ground-related and larger condominium units. The majority will be looking for ground-related product. Whether that be the new single, which is really a townhouse in the Toronto area, or a detached in the GTA remains to be seen," said Tuckey.

The average cost of a new low-rise home rose 16 per cent year over year to $931,506 in August. The average was $393,298 10 years ago. Condo prices increased seven per cent to $480,914 in the last year, in part because they're getting bigger.

But the supply of condos is also trending down, particularly in pre-construction sales. Builders had 14,600 units available last month, about 10,000 fewer than a year ago.

Asked if that will lead to the kind of competitive market that frustrates buyers in the low-rise market, Tuckey said it's a situation BILD is monitoring.

"In the City of Toronto, where the majority of the highrise inventory is, it needs to have around 20,000 homes a year constructed, and we will really start to monitor that. We've never had the experience of this low an inventory in the last 10 years," he said.

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HYDRO

Tory's claims rebuffed

Mayor John Tory is blaming aging infrastructure for knocking out power to thousands of downtown condos to bolster his argument that selling part of city-owned Toronto Hydro might make sense.

In a speech to a business audience Wednesday, Tory said Toronto hasn't built a single transformer station since 1955, when the Royal York was one of the tallest buildings on the skyline.

"I'm no longer prepared to lead a city where people can't get up the elevator, have their food spoiling" because the city failed to find money to pay for upgrades to the grid, Tory said after the speech.

But doubts are being cast on some of the claims used to justify the privatization of the utility, which has been providing power to the city for more than a century. Tory is overlooking the fact that since 2013 Toronto Hydro has been constructing Copeland Station on Bremner Boulevard, south of the CN Tower, said Scott Travers, president of the Society of Energy Professionals.

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Readers' micro-masterpieces

TINY CANVAS

Your sketched, scribbled and folded art stuck with us

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Last week, you blew us away with your powers of brevity by telling six-word stories about Toronto.

This time you broke out your pencils, pastels and paints to create scenes that represent your Toronto on a single sticky note.

We were touched by your origami renditions of Toronto's feathered residents, and couldn't stop smiling at the 'CN flower'.

Please don't think we're stuck up if we didn't publish your piece. We couldn't fit them all on this page! Head to Metronews.ca on Friday to see the rest.

Thanks again, amazing Metro readers, for rising to this challenge and allowing us to continue to publish art in the newspaper. This time around, we're asking you to tap into your poetic powers again, but with a visual twist.

STICKY NOTE CHALLENGE WINNER

Metro's creative director Jason Logan said this subtle sketch was "a little moment masterfully drawn" about a multicultural experience in our city. **Bravo, Soojung Kim!**

Here are just a few of our favourite entries.

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2. @Hemeterio
3. Michelle
4. Syeda Manisa Kabir
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Royal tour will shine light on social issues

BRITISH COLUMBIA, YUKON

William and Kate to visit impoverished communities

It's been almost 30 years since Diana, Princess of Wales, kissed an AIDS patient on the cheek.

Her open-hearted, selfless gesture of compassion at London's Mildmay Hospital in 1989 helped reduce the vast belief that AIDS could be transferred by human touch.

Royal watchers say Diana's kindness and tolerance will play a supporting role in the Sept. 24-to-Oct. 1 visit to British Columbia and Yukon by her son William and his wife Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and their children Prince George and Princess Charlotte.

The royal couple's visit, starting Saturday, will take them to remote First Nations communities, impoverished urban neighbourhoods and a play date for their children with military families on the grounds of Victoria's Government House.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on a visit to the Northwest Territories in July 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Diana, Princess of Wales. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The trip is destined to shed light on social issues and causes many Canadians have yet to fully consider, experts say.

On Sunday, William and Kate will visit Sheway, a pregnancy outreach program for mothers struggling with drug and alcohol issues. Sheway is located in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, a neighbourhood known for its extreme poverty, homelessness and drug addiction.

The royals will also visit the indigenous community in Bella Bella, on B.C.'s remote central coast. At Haida Gwaii, on the province's northern coast, the royals will embark on a seagoing canoe trip from historic Skidegate Landing to the Haida Heritage Centre and Museum.

The tour will also take the royal couple to a coast guard station in Vancouver, a wine tasting at an Okanagan vineyard in Kelowna, and indigenous cultural events at Whitehorse and Carcross in Yukon.

The royals will also visit an immigrant centre in Vancouver that provides settlement services to 25,000 refugees annually.

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POLITICS

Minister shocked by birthplace news

The dramatic life story and political narrative of the woman hailed as Canada's first Afghanistan-born cabinet minister, Maryam Monsef, shifted dramatically when the Globe and Mail newspaper revealed to her that she was in fact "born in Mashhad, Iran and not in Herat, Afghanistan — as I was led to believe for my whole life."

Maryam Monsef. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In a CTV television interview, Monsef said when the Globe first inquired last week she was on the road and phoned her mother, saying "this is silly, right?" When her mother told her the reporter's question "had some merit," Monsef said she broke down.

Monsef said after her Afghan parents married in Herat, Afghanistan, the "local security situation became untenable."

"No longer safe in their home town, my parents decided not to take risks and went to Mashhad, Iran.

"My sisters and I asked my mother why she never told us we were born in Iran. She told us she did not think it mattered. We were Afghan citizens, as we were born to Afghan parents, and under Iranian law, we would not be considered Iranian citizens despite being born in that country."

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BACKLASH

PM's aides both apologize Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's two top aides, chief of staff Katie Telford and principal secretary Gerald Butts, say they will reimburse the government — $23,373 for Telford and $20,299 for Butts — for miscellaneous expenses they incurred in moving to Ottawa from Toronto. They apologized, on their Facebook pages, for the controversy.

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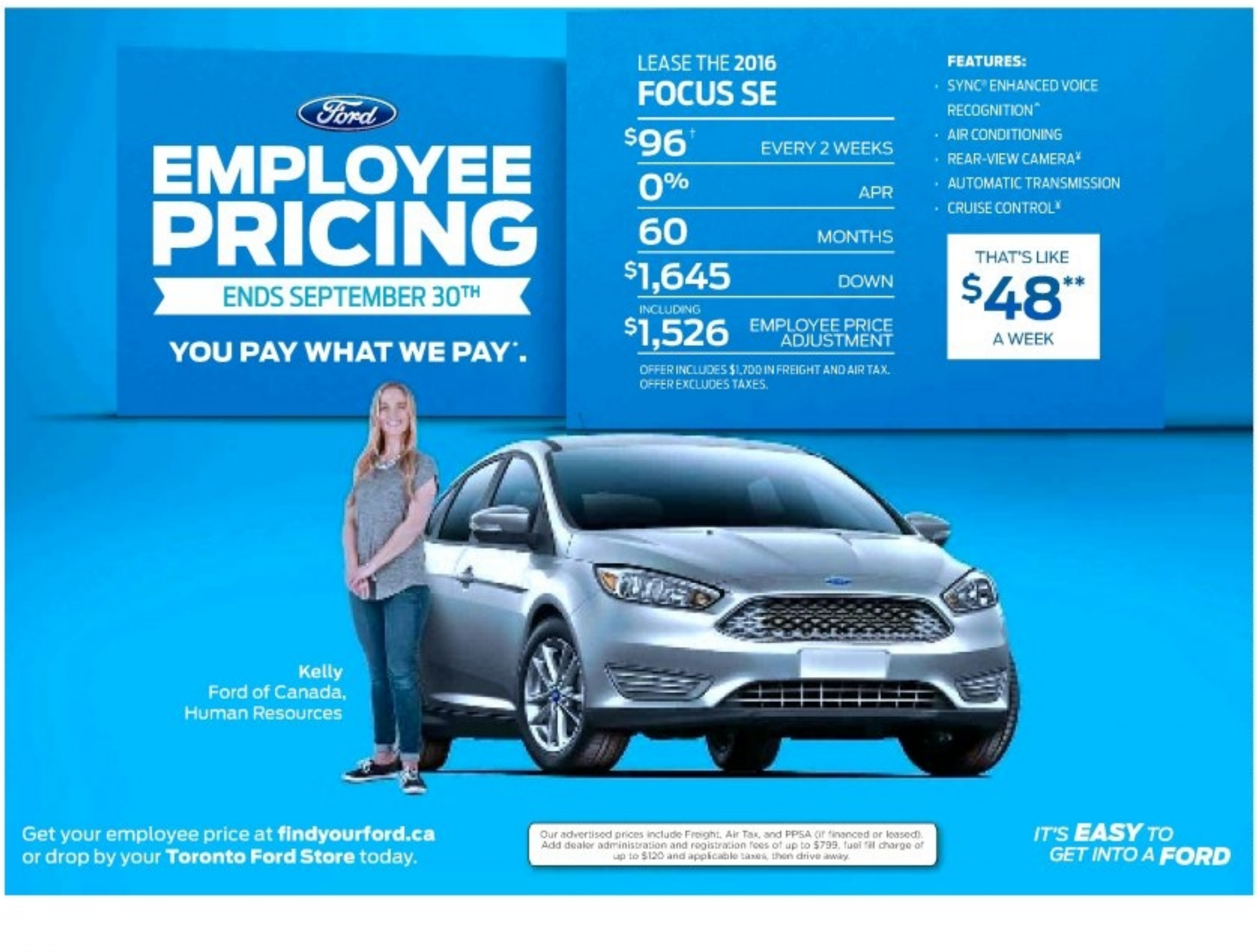

McDonald's urged to apologize

GENDER IDENTITY

Treatment of trans teen 'just completely backwards'

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax LGBTQ group says the McDonald's corporation should apologize to protect its "reputation worldwide" after a trans teen says he was let go from the company over media attention.

Kenny Cooley, 17, spoke to Metro about being the first trans football player on his high-school's football team last week. He later made headlines in both national and international news outlets.

During an interview on Wednesday, Cooley said he was fired from the Bedford Highway location of McDonald's two days after the story initially ran.

Cooley said he was given two reasons for dismissal, "one because of the media and two because we had some schedule mishaps."

Kenny Cooley outside Halifax West High School on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The Youth Project is now calling on McDonald's to reinstate Cooley and issue an apology. Kate Shewan, executive director of the Youth Project, said she knows the company has individual franchise owners, but it's important for the corporation to say "this is not great, it will affect our reputation worldwide."

In addition, Shewan says, McDonald's should update its policies on gender identity and sexual orientation to make sure "they're much more inclusive and respectful of everybody."

"Youth are constantly telling us that they're denied employment opportunities because they're trans; we hear it happening all the time," Shewan said Thursday.

"When it's in the media, we felt that it was important to show our support."

A McDonald's spokesperson did not confirm Cooley had been let go but forwarded an emailed statement from the branch owner, Bob Smith, on Wednesday.

Smith said he was "shocked by these allegations as they are simply not true."

Two other emails by Metro to McDonald's on Thursday asking for further response, and whether an apology would be made to Cooley, weren't returned.

Since the media attention around Cooley included positive, good-news stories about his success, Shewan said that's something they "expect an employer to really be celebrating."

"To have that being brought up as part of a termination seems just completely backwards," Shewan said.

"The very fact that it was brought up — when it's such a positive story, and they're treating it as a negative — the only thing that I could see that being is transphobia."

When Metro went to the Bedford location again Thursday, an employee said they would pass along a request to see the store manager and the right person would call back.

There was no response before deadline.

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None of the major presidential candidates was viewed favourably. Republican candidate Donald Trump was at 28 per cent positive, 61 per cent negative. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton was at 37 per cent positive, 52 per cent negative.

Canadians also like America, but not quite as much. Sixty-eight per cent of Canadians had a favourable view of America in a Pew poll last year; 26 per cent had an unfavourable view.

Canada even did better in the latest poll of Americans than some of the most popular figures of the recent past. According to the Journal, Canada did even better than Michael Jordan (69 per cent positive) in 1997 and Pope John Paul II (65 per cent positive) in 1998.
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Listed as director of offshore firm without knowing

Canadian Sen. Nicole Eaton is listed as a director of a company in the Bahamas. A close friend said Eaton's name was used without her permission. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Federal Sen. Nicole Eaton has taken the unusual step of asking the Senate Ethics Officer to investigate revelations — presented to her by the Toronto Star and CBC/Radio-Canada — that she was a director of a company in the offshore tax haven of the Bahamas for 12 years without declaring it.

Her explanation: She had no idea until a Toronto Star reporter told her on Tuesday.

Eaton, a Conservative senator who recently made headlines with her anti-bike lane tweets, is listed as a director of a Bahamas-based company called Mount Bodun Ltd. between 1999 and 2011, according to Bahamian corporate registration records leaked to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and shared exclusively with the Toronto Star and CBC/Radio-Canada in Canada.

Each year, senators must declare any corporate director or officer positions they hold to comply with the Senate's Code of Ethics. Eaton's annual disclosure statements dating back to her appointment to the Senate by Stephen Harper in 2008 repeatedly say, "None," in response to the question about corporate directorships.

"I became aware of the matter of Bahamian company Mount Bodun Ltd.'s alleged listing of me as a director of the company on Sept. 19, 2016," Eaton said in a statement. "A reporter from the Toronto Star contacted my office seeking comment on this matter."

The statement says she maintains her initial assertion that she "knew nothing of this" and has "never served on this company's board of directors … This clearly occurred without my knowledge or consent."

It says her office informed the Senate Ethics Officer of the issue on Tuesday and committed to providing "our full co-operation in the review of this situation."

The question of how a sitting senator could end up on the board of a tax haven company without her knowledge is puzzling even to experts.

"The Ethics Officer should not accept the story without evidence," said Duff Conacher, co-founder of Ottawa-based Democracy Watch, a government ethics advocacy group.

The Senate Ethics Officer's office confirmed that it had received a call from Eaton's office and is looking into the matter.

Eaton's assertions that she was unwittingly made a director of a Bahamian company are supported by the woman who admits to listing Eaton without consulting her: Marian Bassett, a member of the famous Canadian Bassett family.

"I put Nicky down as a director because she is a very, very old family friend," said Marian Bassett, whose late husband, David, is the son of John Bassett.

"I just put her name down because it was safe, and I never told her," said Bassett. "Listen, it's all on me." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

This clearly occurred without my knowledge or consent.
Nicole Eaton

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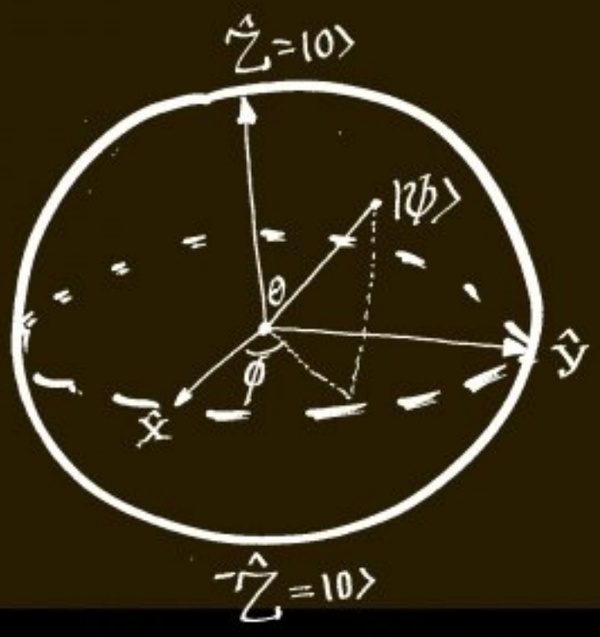
OH, TO BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE

Hands up: Who wants to beam themselves to school or work? Us too. Too bad quantum teleportation has nothing to do with that. Scientists in Calgary have transferred 'disembodied' information from one particle to another one, across the city. It's teleportation, but no physical matter travelled anywhere. **It boggles the mind — but it could also pave the way for a future, super-fast, super-secure Internet.**

PHOTONS are tiny particles with energy, but no mass. They're what light is made of.

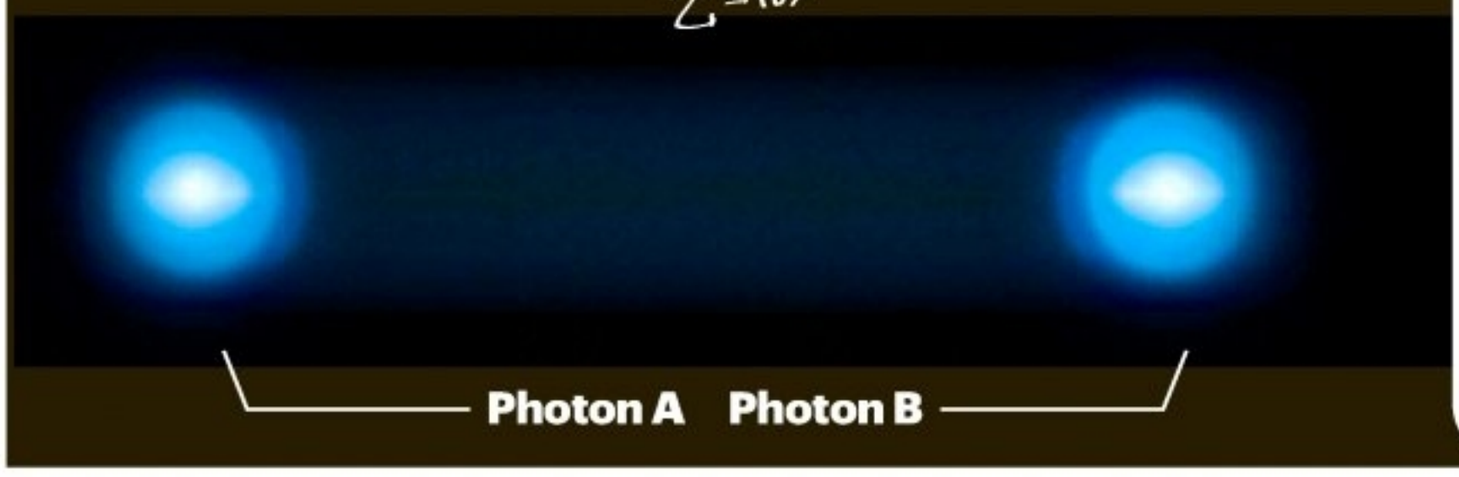
Using some fancy lasers and other high-tech equipment, researchers at the University of Calgary created an **entangled pair of photons** and sent one across town to Calgary City Hall.

The properties — or quantum states — of the two photons remained exactly in sync. What happened to one affected the other. It's sort of hard to imagine, but the photons were fundamentally linked in such a way that they're actually **the same thing**. That's the **teleportation** part.



The distance (six kilometres) and the connection (dark fibre cable) between the photons is important because in the future, information could be sent this way via the **quantum Internet**, all over the world, using materials we already have.

This **quanternet** — it's still theoretical at this point —would also be virtually unhackable. One of the weird things about quantum physics is that when humans come in and observe a system, they mess it up — meaning any would-be hacker would instantly advertise his or her presence.



WHAT IS ENTANGLEMENT?
Entanglement just means the state of one system is dependent on the state of another. For example, an atom's electrons and protons are entangled: As one moves, so does the other.

Quantum teleportation is when information is sent from one location (like a photon at the University of Calgary) to another (a photon at Calgary city hall) without the need for a physical particle as a go-between. Because the two photons are entangled, what happens to the state of one automatically affects the state of the other — and **information** passes between them. "Information" in this sense means a description of the photon's **state.** An example of a state would be **orientation**: the photon could be in a horizontal or vertical position. Imagine horizontal means zero and vertical means one: You can see how information can be encoded in photons the same way it is in computers' **binary code**, a sequence of zeros and ones called **bits**. But because quantum physics is super weird, a photon can also be in **superposition**: It can be a zero and a one at the same time. That's why computers of the future that process information encoded in particles called quantum bits (**qubits**) will be unfathomably fast.

FINDINGS
Your week in science

ISTOCK

TARDIGRADE TROOPERS
Tough-as-nails tardigrades, better known as water bears, can withstand boiling, freezing and the vacuum of space. Now Japanese researchers have learned the teeny, freaking-looking critters have a radiation-resistance gene, too — and it can be transferred to human cells.

SUPER SNACKS
A review of 70 years of research shows kids have a far lower risk of allergies to peanuts and eggs if they start noshing on them as early as four months old.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Electroporation is the use of electric shocks to poke holes in the membrane of a cell — to give it **pores** — often to introduce a drug or some DNA.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Using **electroporation**, scientists can knock out genes by disrupting them with a foreign bit of DNA, such as one that codes for green fluorescent protein. That's how they make mice glow in the dark.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Why do people believe conspiracies?

Big news: Barack Obama was born in the United States. Why do people believe in conspiracy theories?
— Joel, Edmonton

I love this topic! The short answer to your question is there are as many reasons as there are conspiracy theorists.

But in general, there are two main reasons people believe 9/11 was an inside job, or the all-powerful Bilderberg Group controls global politics, or famous people are actually lizard people. One, we're hard-wired to think that way, and two, as a society, we're not always scientifically and logically literate enough to overcome it.

We're a storytelling species. We look for patterns and relationships between seemingly unrelated events.

It's hard for us to wrap our heads around the fact that almost everything that happens is random, and one-in-a-million coincidences happen every single day.

And we notice seemingly spooky coincidences, especially if we're predisposed to do so. That's **confirmation bias**: We accept what reinforces our views and discount what doesn't.

Research has shown people who tend towards cynicism and feelings of powerlessness are most attracted to conspiracies. Perhaps harbouring somewhat wacky beliefs helps people feel they belong; they're in a group with special knowledge others (a.k.a. "sheeple") just don't get.

Conspiracies are fantastic stories. When they do happen (rarely) they get outsized attention.

Above all, though, I think conspiracists haven't taken **Occam's razor** to heart. All else being equal, scientists always choose the simplest explanation for a phenomenon, with the fewest steps and assumptions.

I was scared away from conspiracy thinking in university by the classic logic textbook How to Think About Weird Things. It's the perfect Christmas gift for the conspiracy theorist in your life.

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Director Antoine Fuqua jokes the reason he remade The Magnificent Seven was so he could see Denzel Washington on a horse. CONTRIBUTED

Not all cowboys look like John Wayne

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Antoine Fuqua taps one of the most diverse casts for film

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Why did director Antoine Fuqua decide to remake the legendary 1960 western The Magnificent Seven? "I wanted to see Denzel Washington on a horse," he jokes.

The story of seven men who come together to protect a town from a vicious robber baron looks back further than the 1960 film to the 1954 epic Japanese historical drama Seven Samurai. Often cited as one of the greatest films ever made, Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai provided what Fuqua described as the DNA of his film, but he also noted, "Westerns change with the time we're in, so we made our film based on the world we are living in."

To that end, he has assembled the most diverse cast for a western ever. In addition to top-billed stars Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke and Vincent D'Onofrio, the seven magnificent leading actors include South Korean star Lee Byung-hun, the Mexican born Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, and Martin Sensmeier, an American actor of Tlingit, Koyukon-Athabascan and Irish descent. "You can't do the same thing every era," says Fuqua.

Westerns change all the time, he adds. If filmmakers stuck to just one way of making a movie then all westerns would be cast with white guys looking like John Wayne in a John Ford movie, Fuqua jokes.

"My idea was, if Denzel walks into a room, the room stops. If Clint Eastwood walks into a room, the room stops. Is it because he's a gunslinger or is it because of the colour of his skin? We'll let the audience decide," he says.

When asked if The Magnificent Seven is proof that Hollywood is becoming more diverse the director says, "You have to give the studio credit when they do something like this. This becomes the new definition of what a western is."

Star Denzel Washington says he's never seen the 1960 film.

"I didn't keep away from it," he says. "I just didn't know how it would help me. I had never seen it as a kid or whatever. People say, 'You're the so and so character,' I don't even know who that is. I think it allowed me to do whatever I wanted to do instead of trying to not do what someone else did."

Why did he sign on? "Well, Antoine asked me. It's as simple as that. Obviously, it's a good story and a good script but most importantly it was Antoine."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Magnificent Seven	★★★★
Queen of Katwe	★★★
Storks	★★
It's Only The End of The World	★★
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Cotillard pregnant, denies Pitt affair

SOCIAL MEDIA

On Instagram actress says she didn't cause Pitt-Jolie split

Marion Cotillard is announcing her pregnancy and shooting down rumours of any romantic involvement with Brad Pitt.

"This is going to be my first and only reaction to the whirlwind news that broke 24 hours ago and that I was swept up into," the Oscar-winning actress wrote in a statement posted Wednesday on Instagram.

The star of such films as Inception and Rust and Bone said that she is "not used to commenting on things like this nor taking them seriously but as this situation is spiraling and affecting people I love, I have to speak up."

Cotillard affirmed her long-time relationship with actor Guillaume Canet.

Marion Cotillard responded to rumours of having a relationship with Brad Pitt on Instagram Wednesday.
GETTY IMAGES

The couple are parents to a five-year-old son.

She said in her Instagram post alongside a photo of bird soaring through the sky that he is "the only one that I need" and they are expecting another child.

The actress, who won an Academy Award in 2008 for her performance as the legendary French singer Edith Piaf in La Vie en Rose, stars with Pitt in the upcoming World War II romantic thriller Allied.

Several reports this week suggested a relationship between Cotillard and Pitt was one of the reasons Angelina Jolie filed for divorce on Monday.

"This crafted conversation isn't distressing," Cotillard wrote.

"And to all the media and the haters who are quick to pass judgment, I sincerely wish you a swift recovery," she added.

Cotillard says she hopes Jolie and Pitt "will find peace in this very tumultuous moment."

A spokeswoman for Cotillard didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment about the Instagram post.

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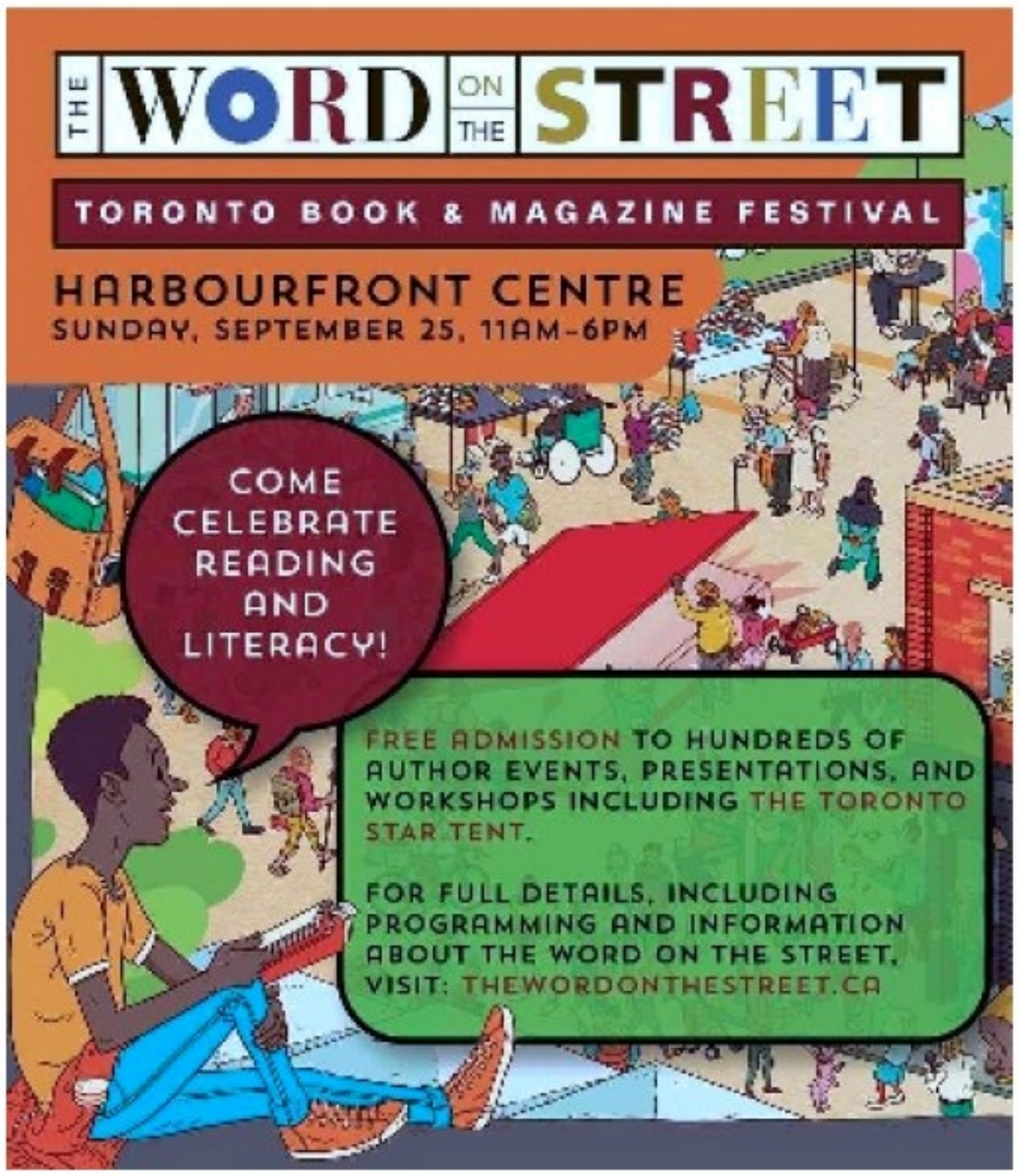

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Antonio Banderas stars in Finding Altamira as real-life archeologist Marcelino Sanz de Sautuola, whose discovery of prehistoric cave paintings rocked the scientific world and theories of creationism. HANDOUT

Hudson returns for 'little-known story'

FINDING ALTAMIRA

Filmmaker's comeback a tale of prehistoric cave drawings

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Filmmaker Hugh Hudson has been hiding in a cave ever since he released his last movie in 2000.

So what finally lured the Oscar-nominated director back out into dramatic daylight after 16 years?

Well coincidentally, it was a cave.

The Cave of Altamira to be precise.

"People in Spain know about it, but it's a little-known story in a way," admitted the 80-year-old filmmaking legend about Finding Altamira — his latest period drama tracing the discovery of the first cave drawings painted by prehistoric peoples.

"I thought the story was very good because of what it's about — a miscarriage of justice really (and how it) nearly destroyed this man's life," explained Hudson of his desire to delve into the drama about archeologist Marcelino Sanz de Sautuola, whose far-reaching finding created upheaval between the scientific and religious communities during the late 19th Century.

"For 20 years they were considered pariahs."

Themes of justice and human rights have long played into Hudson's work right back to his Academy Award-winning 1981 hit Chariots of Fire — an iconic film that pitted two outsiders literally running against prejudice during the 1924 Olympics.

"The institutions should be challenged all the time; they're so often full of hypocrisy and self-serving," said Hudson of his tendency to tales that take on the system.

"There are so many awful things that go on in society and there's so much dishonesty and hypocrisy that you have to try and blur it out if you can."

With Finding Altamira, that meant finding the emotional truth in the tragic hero's attempts to convince the public that the drawings debunked creationism.

For the filmmaker, that also meant hiring an actor who could convince audiences of his authenticity.

"I wanted Antonio (Banderas) for this because he's a Spaniard and I think you believe in him," said Hudson, who cast the famous film star instead of practising his predilection for using unknown actors.

"When you get into the cinema and you meet a character for the first time, if its somebody very well-known, you have to get over that barrier (but) it was good to have Antonio in it — he's so good."

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INTERVIEW

Child actors in Queen of Katwe bring refreshing quality: Oyelowo

Richard Crouse
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Imagine seeing a movie in a theatre for the first time. Now imagine the first movie you see on the big screen is the story of your life. That's what happened to Phiona Mutesi.

"I've never been in a theatre," she said at the Toronto International Film Festival, the night after Queen of Katwe premiered in front of a sold-out crowd of 2,600 people.

"This has been my first time."

Based on the book The Queen of Katwe: A Story of Life, Chess, and One Extraordinary Girl's Dream of Becoming a Grandmaster, the movie tells the tale of how Mutesi (Madina Nalwanga), an illiterate girl from a very poor family in Kampala, Uganda, learns to play chess, and with the help of mentor Robert Katende (David Oyelowo), moves from local tournaments to the World Chess Olympiad.

"We have had video shacks for the longest time," says director Mira Nair, a Ugandan resident of almost three decades, "but until five years ago we didn't have theatres in malls. The price of a ticket is almost $10, which prices it out of everyone's reach. It is true that a kid like Phiona would not choose to spend that kind of money to go to the theatre.

"She'd see a pirated DVD in a shack somewhere."

The Disney movie was shot on the streets of Kampala and features more than 100 local actors, many of whom, Nair points out, had never seen a camera before.

"I actually took a bunch of the kids to see Jurassic World while we were doing the film," says star Oyelowo, "and Madina (Nalwanga), who plays Phiona, sat next to me and was clutching me the whole time, terrified by the movie.

She turned to me and said, 'Is this what we are doing?' I asked her if she had ever seen a film before and she said no.

"We were halfway through shooting a film in which she is playing the lead."

Oyelowo, a Golden Globe nominee for his work playing Martin Luther King in Selma, says working with the young, inexperienced actors was a "was a wonderful thing for the film."

"Because the kids in this film were not necessarily connecting what we were doing in shooting the film with what they had seen before, because they hadn't seen a movie in a movie theatre before, it meant there was something really unaffected, something really free, something genuine about their performances.

"I found I was getting a refresher course in how to be truthful in front of a camera," he adds.

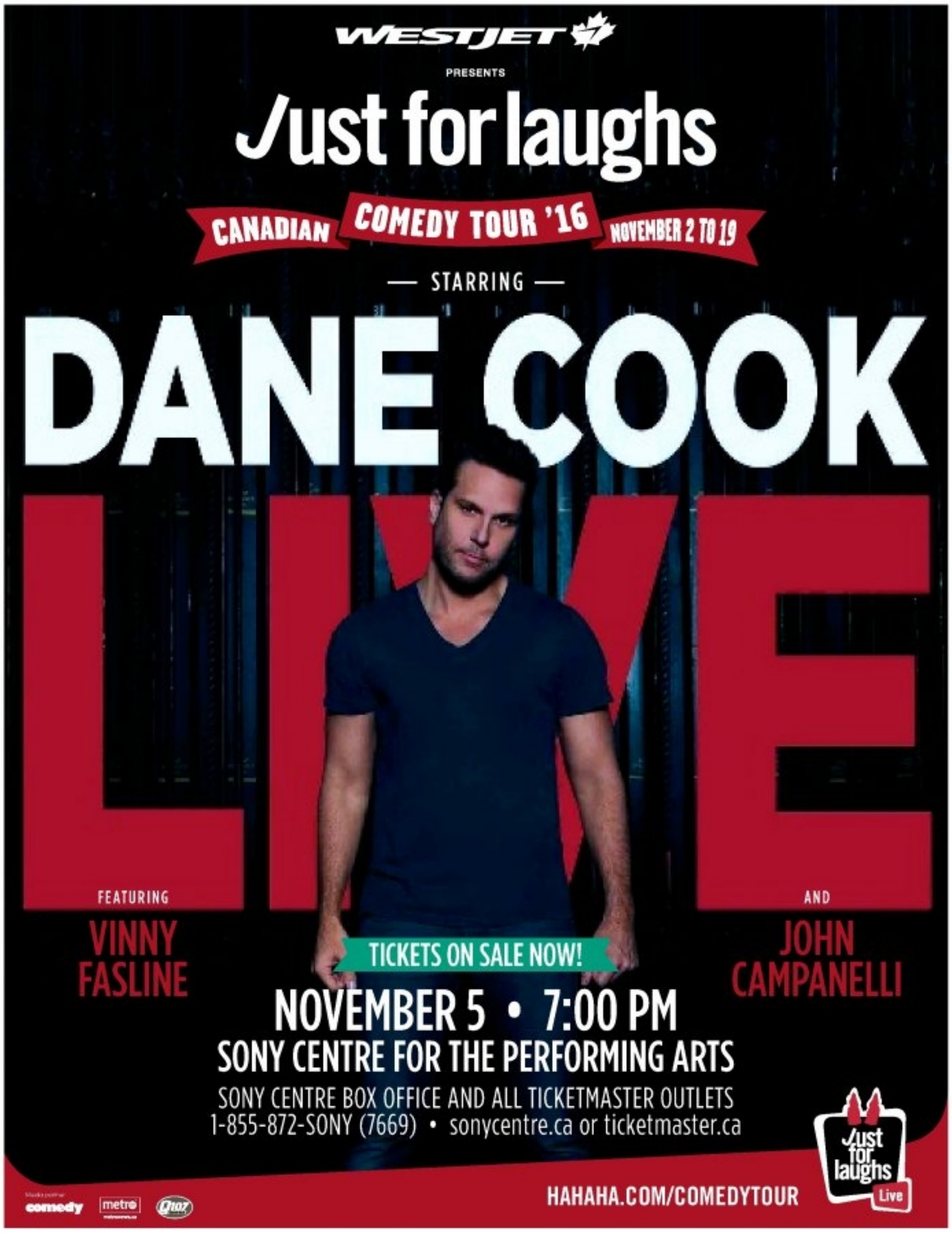
"Inevitably after you have done a few movies you start adopting a house style. You start knowing too much in a sense.

"Even though it is kind of a mind-blowing thing that they haven't seen a movie, because we in the west take it very much for granted, it actually lends a very specific quality to the film itself," he says.

Below, from left, Ugandan national chess champion Phiona Mutesi, Indian filmmaker Mira Nair, Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyongo and Mutesi's chess coach Robert Katende. GETTY IMAGES

Madina Nalwanga stars as Ugandan chess champion Phiona Mutesi in Queen of Katwe, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

> **I found I was getting a refresher course in how to be truthful in front of a camera.** David Oyelowo on working with a young cast, some of whom had never been to a movie theatre.



Lupita Nyong'o returns to big screen

INTERVIEW

Actress brings breadth of experience to Queen of Katwe

The filmmaker Mira Nair was familiar with the regal grace of Lupita Nyong'o long before most.

The Indian-born, New York-based Nair has been close friends with Nyong'o's family for years. One of Nyong'o's first jobs in the movies was interning in New York for Nair's production company. She also later worked for Nair's Uganda-centred film school, Maisha Film Labs.

What does Nair recall of Nyong'o as a younger woman?

"Like she is: immensely thoughtful and stylish," Nair says with a laugh. "She wouldn't speak unless she had something to say. And full of fun, which sometime you guys don't see. But there's a real appetite for life there."

In the African chess prodigy tale Queen of Katwe, a now much more established Nyong'o has reunited with Nair for a film that reflects much of the actress's past, as well as her future. It is, surprisingly, the first time moviegoers have gotten to see Nyong'o's face on screen since her breakout, Oscar-winning performance in 2013's 12 Years a Slave.

In the three years since, she's appeared in Star Wars: The Force Awakens in a motion-capture performance, lent her voice to The Jungle Book and starred on Broadway in Danai Guirira's Liberian drama Eclipsed, earning a Tony nomination. But Queen of Katwe, she says, epitomizes the kind of film she wants to be in.

"The success of 12 Years a Slave has put me in a position where I can choose," Nyong'o said in a recent interview. "I want to honour the opportunity that I've been given. So I've worked very hard to choose things that I'm passionate about because I think I'm most useful when I feel conviction. I want to continue to do work that moves me and develops cultural conversations.

"It takes one film at a time, one story at a time, to actually shift the norm," she adds.

Queen of Katwe, which opens Friday, is itself an anomaly. It's a family-friendly film made in Africa with an entirely black cast — a first for Disney. The film tells of Phiona Mutesi's (newcomer Madina Nalwanga) rise from the Katwe slums in Kampala, Uganda, to elite levels of chess. Nair shot it in South Africa and Uganda. Nyong'o plays Phiona's head-strong mother.

The local flavour, as well as the real people the story is based on (who appear briefly but movingly at the end), gives Queen of Katwe an infectious spirit. During one celebratory scene in Katwe, extras mixed with nearby onlookers, eager to join in the exultation.

"Because this doesn't happen very often, we were all filled with such gratitude to be able to tell this story," says Nyong'o.

Even if Nyong'o wasn't sitting in a high-back chair at a Toronto hotel shortly after the film's screening at the Toronto International Film Festival, the 33-year-old would appear queen-like, herself, given her calm poise and precision with words.

Although Nyong'o now seems remarkably at home on any red carpet, she spent years hesitating to commit to acting. As an undergrad at Hampshire College, she initially explored other roles on film sets.

"I was just trying to figure out where in this industry, if not in the front of the camera, I would fit in," she says. "I had always been discouraged that it was possible. I was from Kenya and I didn't know any Kenyan actors in America. It just didn't seem like a possible career path."

Nyong'o, born in Mexico and raised in Kenya, had a very different upbringing than the impoverished ones of Queen of Katwe. But, as Nair says, "Like Phiona, she's harnessed her potential and thankfully the world has rewarded her for it."

"I spent a lot of time denying the fact that I wanted to be an actor, and I felt I could bring this to the film," Nyong'o says. "It's about having the courage to pursue your dream and it takes courage because sometimes your dreams are unconventional and surprising and uncomfortable for those around you to understand."

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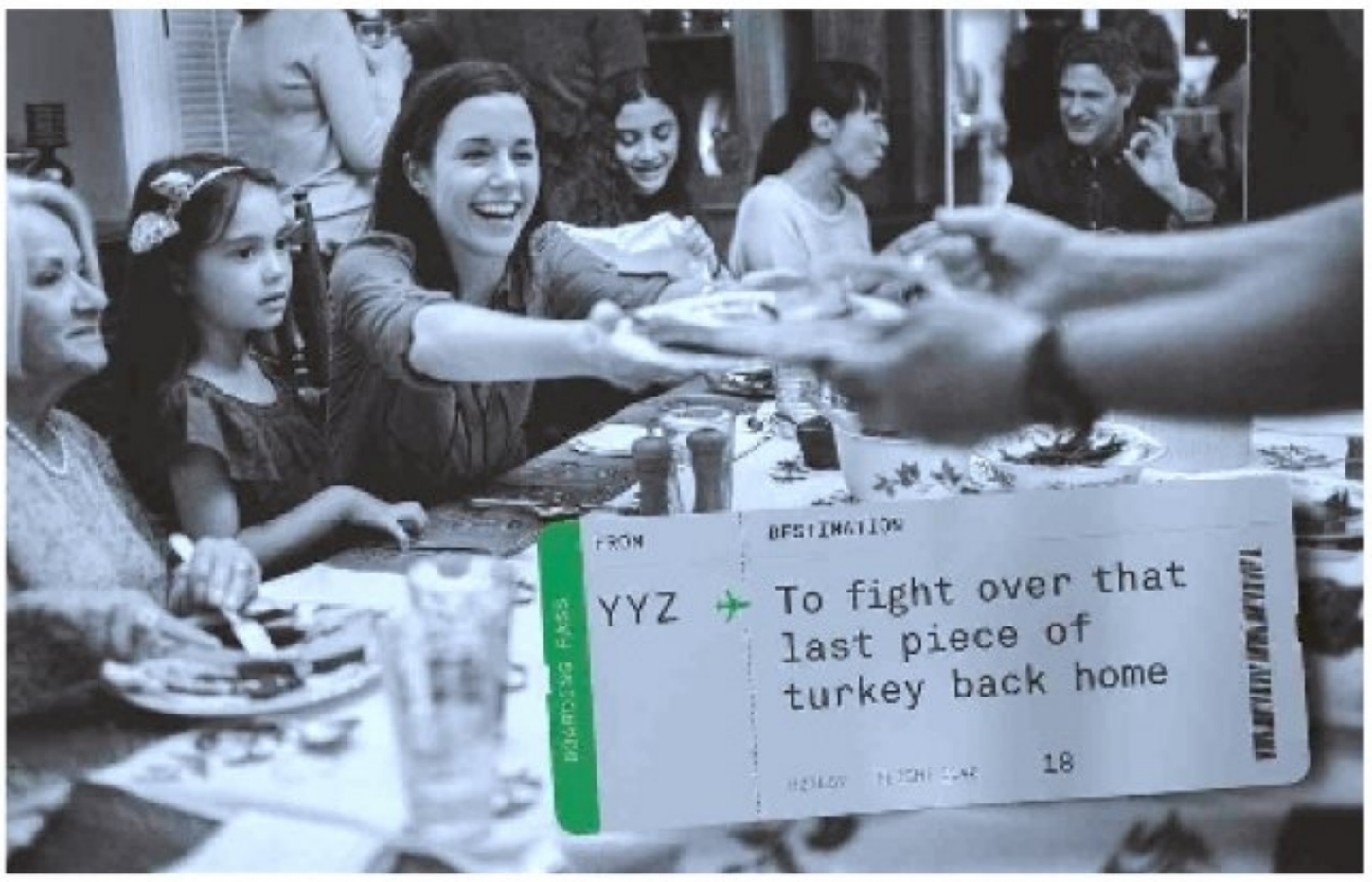
Lupita Nyong'o plays the head strong mother of chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi in Queen of Katwe. CONTRIBUTED



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When you're just popping in

Travellers traditionally look for two things: the cheapest and fastest way to get to their vacation spots. But now many are opting for a layover — a sort of bonus trip, where they can spend a day or two before heading to their final destination. We take a look at three great layover locations and what you can do there when time is limited. **CATHERINE ROBERTS/FOR METRO**

MEXICO CITY

Once maligned, Mexico City has revamped its public spaces and is the midst of a cultural renaissance. Zócalo, the city centre, is a great place to begin sightseeing. You can see the presidential palace, visit Metropolitan Cathedral, the city's most iconic building, and explore the prehistoric Aztec ruins of Templo Mayor. To sample deli treats and have some complimentary wine, make your way to Mercado San Juan, a 60-year-old market frequented local chefs. Have another day or two? Spend a morning delving into Mexico's past at the anthropology museum or see the pyramids at Teotihucán. To capture the city's nightlife, head to the bohemian enclave of Roma.

ICELAND

Few countries have been as successful as Iceland in promoting themselves as a layover destination. In fact, the discount airline WOW has been enticing travellers with cheap flights to Europe and no-cost stopovers in Iceland. With virtually no pollution and huge swathes of deserted areas, Iceland just might be the ultimate nature trip. If you're spending anytime in Reykjavik choose a centrally located hotel. The Icelandic Hotel Marina , for instance, has great views of Mt. Esja, lines the harbor and is a 10-minute walk — if that — from downtown. Make sure to pick-up a City Card which gets you into galleries, geothermal pools, museums and on all city buses. A definite must-do: take a dip in a thermal swimming pool — it's an Icelandic tradition — and visit the Harpa concert hall. This architectural stunner consists of 12,000 square metres of translucent glass blocks. Then, leave the city and see some of the island's natural attractions such as the Geysir and Gullfoss or spend the day horseback riding, trekking, or whale-watching either with a tour group or on your own. Reykjavik's nightlife is as legendary as its Northern Lights, so why not end your stay at one of many venues that are by day mask as cafés but by transform as lively night bar rooms.

HAWAII

Thinking of heading Down Under but dread that long flight to Sydney? David Griffiths, a luxury travel specialist with Vancouver's Carlson Wagonlit Omega Travel, says Hawaii is an ideal place for a layover. To get the most out of your short stay on O'ahu, you might want to rent a car. The entire island takes around three hours to circumnavigate, so in between lounging on the sand or surfing at Waikiki Beach, check out the panoramic views of the island by hiking to the summit of Diamond Head. And go "eye-to-mask" with tropical fish in Hanauma Bay, where you'll find some of the best snorkeling.

OTHER GREAT LAYOVERS

- **Rome** Best taken in on a walking tour or on a Vespa. Don't miss: The Pantheon, the national museum, Villa Borghese and Campo de' Fiori.
- **Istanbul** It straddles two continents, is simultaneously ancient and modern, and is equal parts religious and secular. Visit Aya Sofya, take a cruise on the Bosphorus and spend time at the Spice Bazaar.
- **Dubai:** This desert wonderland is a shopping mecca. For gold (Deira Gold Souq), for textiles (Bur Dubai Souq) and for the "mother of all malls (Dubai Mall).

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'Born travellers, but society makes us tourists'

WORLD TOURISM DAY

CEO talks about making travel sustainable

Emina Gamulin
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Anyone who has ever gone travelling will attest to its ability to provide new experiences, challenges and inspiration.

But how true this is for any given trip depends a lot on how you do it, says Bruce Poon Tip, founder and CEO of G Adventures, a Toronto-based travel company that focuses on smaller group tours.

"The biggest problem with tourism is the consumer is being marketed to that bigger is better," he says.

"Resorts are getting more inclusive and getting bigger and are becoming compounds more than holiday places and don't represent the region anymore."

He says some of the joys of travelling are experiencing other cultures and interacting with local residents, which just doesn't happen if you don't leave your comfort zone.

Speaking with Metro ahead of Sept. 27, better known in the industry as World Tourism Day, Poon Tip discussed sustainable travel and how consumers can make better choices.

While he points out it's a complex topic that's hard to do justice in a few hundred words, he does offer simple tips for those who want a different type of experience.

• He says travellers should ask their providers questions about who owns the company and where the is money going and make it a point to spend at shops and restaurants outside of all-inclusive properties. "The consumer in my mind has all the power to create change in tourism," he says.

• On a more philosophical level, he encourages people to examine their motivations for travelling. "Travel could be one of the greatest forms of wealth distribution the world has ever seen, and all it takes is for people to match the values of the way they're living at home to their holiday choices," he says. "We're all born travellers, but society makes us tourists."

Bruce Poon Tip says a lot of travel experiences have become too sanitized. "If you want all the comforts of home, stay at home," he says. COURTESY G ADVENTURES

NEXT BIG THINGS IN TRAVEL

Poon Tip shares his picks for the next big destinations:

Galápagos Islands
"It's the perfect holiday between education and beauty, because you learn about Darwin's theories of evolution while being in such a stunning place."

Japan
"There's a run-up to Japan for the Olympics. It's such a unique and curious place. Their young generation is crazy — their art is like nowhere else."

The 'stans
"They've recently lifted travel restrictions in all of the 'stans (the Central Asian countries whose names end in -stan). It's a beautiful undiscovered place. It's a very unique culture, a cross between Asia and Europe."

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"It is more important than ever that we restore calm and come together": Michael Jordan made a statement on the violence in Charlotte

Whiz kids turn heads

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Talent on Team North America deliver on buzz despite ouster

Connor McDavid and Auston Matthews may never again line up together wearing the same colours, but if head coach Todd McLellan has his way the concept of Team North America will live on at the World Cup of Hockey.

"If I get a vote I'd like to do it again," McLellan said. "We've proven that this young generation can play with the older ones. We've been very entertaining. I think if you surveyed 99 out of 100 fans they'd probably say 'Put 'em in again.'"

Auston Matthews GETTY IMAGES

Donning silver, black and bright orange uniforms, the squad of 23-and-under stars from Canada and the United States delivered on the buzz.

They were an exhilarating rush of speed, skill and excitement in three tournament games, presenting awesome combinations of young talent together on one stage. The roster included the last four No. 1 overall picks and five of the last six dating back to 2011.

"I think we've definitely turned some heads and opened the eyes of everyone," said McDavid, the team's captain.

No connection offered more intrigue than Matthews and McDavid, future cornerstones of their respective teams in Toronto and Edmonton. The two flashed explosive speed and creativity together alongside Winnipeg Jets star Mark Scheifele or Buffalo forward Jack Eichel, the second pick behind McDavid in 2015.

It was the allure of combinations like that that made North America, which was eliminated Thursday after Russia's 3-0 win over Finland, the most hyped team of the tournament.

"I think we've meshed pretty well together over the course of these three games," said Matthews, who had three points in three games alongside McDavid, who had three assists.

"I think that definitely everyone on our team has had a good showing," said McDavid. "I think the future looks good for the under-23 guys."

Matthews and McDavid weren't the only No. 1 overall picks to shine for North America.

Nathan MacKinnon, the top pick in 2013 and still only 21, dazzled on the overtime winner against Sweden. All alone against Lundqvist, the Halifax native eluded a poke-check, delivered a wicked deke and then roofed a backhand for his second goal in three games.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, the top pick in 2011, also had three points in three games for North America. Aaron Ekblad, the Florida Panthers' No. 1 pick in 2014, withdrew after only one game because of a suspected concussion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Connor McDavid stickhandles past a couple of Swedish players on Wednesday in Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

SEMIFINALS

SATURDAY
Russia at Canada, 7 p.m.
SUNDAY
Europe at Sweden, 1 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Johnson tied atop field at Tour Championship

Dustin Johnson hit out of a bunker to two feet for birdie on his first hole and kept right on rolling to a 4-under 66 for a three-way tie of the lead Thursday at the Tour Championship.

Hideki Matsuyama had six birdies and Kevin Chappell played bogey-free to join Johnson at 66 on a tough day for scoring at East Lake.

Johnson only has to win the Tour Championship to capture the $10-million FedEx Cup bonus.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA looks for 'positive change' with its players

NBA players are being urged to reach out to league and union officials to try and come up with ways to create "positive change" in communities around the country, a move that comes in response to protests in other sports about racial oppression and other social matters.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Upton, Martinez power Tigers past Twins

Justin Upton and Victor Martinez homered as the Detroit Tigers picked up another win in the AL wild-card chase, beating the Minnesota Twins 9-2 Thursday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Detroit began the day one game behind Baltimore for the AL's second wild card.

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A series of fortunate series

MLB

With 10 games left, Jays hold keys to own playoff destiny

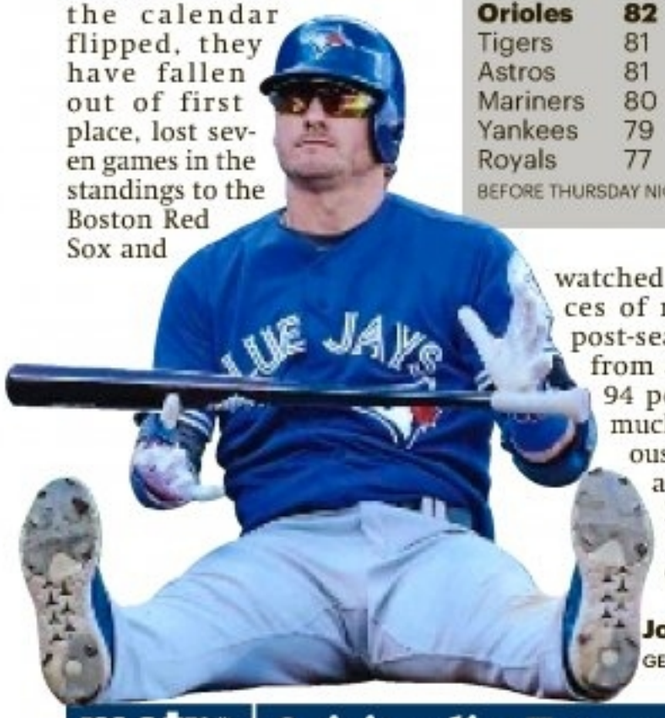
STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
AL EAST			
Red Sox	**88**	**64**	--
Blue Jays	83	69	5.0
Orioles	82	70	6.0
Yankees	79	72	8.5
Rays	64	87	23.5
AL WILD CARD			
Blue Jays	**83**	**69**	**+1.0**
Orioles	**82**	**70**	--
Tigers	81	70	0.5
Astros	81	71	1.0
Mariners	80	72	2.0
Yankees	79	72	2.5
Royals	77	75	5.0

BEFORE THURSDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

Needless to say, it has been an unnerving month for the Toronto Blue Jays.

In the three weeks since the calendar flipped, they have fallen out of first place, lost seven games in the standings to the Boston Red Sox and watched their chances of making the post-season shrink from a rock-solid 94 per cent to a much more tenuous 63 per cent, according to MLB's projections, as calculated by Fangraphs.



Josh Donaldson
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They have since bounced back, buoyed by a boisterous crowd of British Columbians at Seattle's Safeco Field to earn a key series win against the wild-card chasing Mariners.

Winning the division is still mathematically possible, but highly unlikely. Their chances of securing a wild-card spot, however, are pegged between 70-75 per cent, depending on the forecaster.

Those are strong odds, but no sure thing. The Jays have the fourth-toughest remaining schedule of any team in the majors, based on the aggregate winning percentages of their opponents.

Playing seven of their last 10 at home, where they have a healthy .568 winning percentage and have drawn the highest attendance in the American League, will help.

Beginning Friday, the Jays host the New York Yankees in a four-game series followed by a crucial three-game set against the Baltimore Orioles, against whom the Jays are currently jostling for wild-card position.

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The Jays should aim to emerge from those games within striking distance of the Red Sox — who have looked unstoppable this month — as they head to Fenway Park for the season finale.

Rookie GM Ross Atkins said despite his club's wobbly September, it hasn't felt any tougher to watch the games down the stretch.

"There might be heightened tension, like there is for players and fans, but that's why we do it, that's what we want," he said Thursday. "The fact that it's Sept. 22, 10 games to go and we're in the playoffs is a great situation to be in and one that many teams aren't in. We certainly would prefer to be at the top of the division, but we feel great about the team moving forward and our chances of getting in."

Atkins says he appreciates fans' angst and nervousness at this time of year, but he tries to stay even-keeled.

"I focus on what I can do to help," he said. "There's some reflection on 'Were there missed opportunities?' but mostly it's looking forward at improvement and striving to get better.... I think that's what creates the best environment and that's what I set out to do."

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Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- pinch salt
- 8 thick slices of thick bread
- Non-stick cooking spray

Directions

1. In a shallow bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon and salt until everything is well combined.

2. Soak each slice of bread in the egg mixture.

3. Coat your waffle maker it with non-stick cooking spray. Cook waffles according to manufacturers directions and serve with maple syrup or Greek yogurt.

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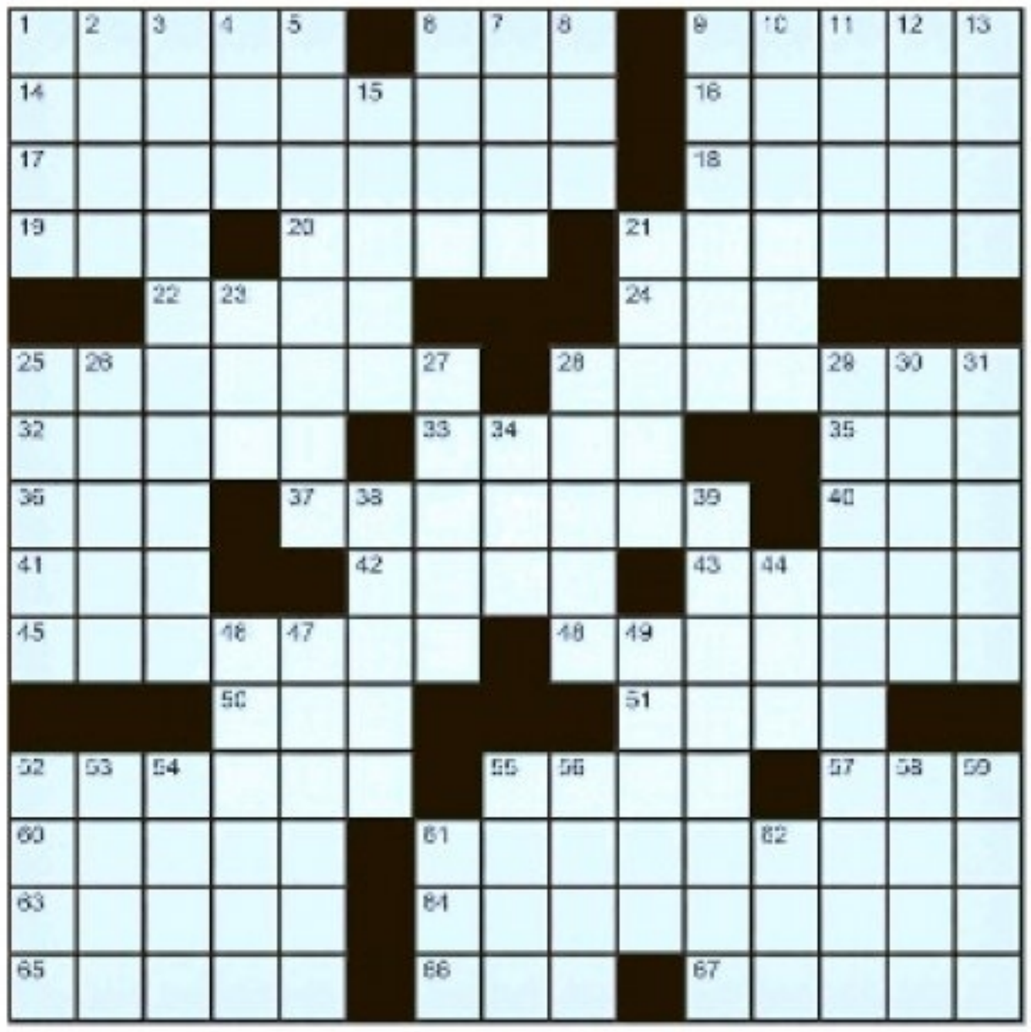
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. How roast beef might be served: 2 mots
6. Home, briefly
9. At the stern in sailing
14. They resemble green bananas
16. Egypt's capital
17. The Charleston and The Twist, for example: 2 wds.
18. South American mountains
19. Hydroelectric project
20. Rivers: Spanish
21. Groups of eight
22. Pkgs. requiring payment
24. The Company org.
25. Grows, as bank interest
28. City just southeast of Montreal
32. Makes level
33. Frost
35. 'Select' suffix
36. Poet's 'throughout'
37. Legendary Canadian rock band
40. Fleur-de-__
41. Size between Small and Large, for short
42. Yearn
43. Writer wife of composer Irving Berlin
45. Canadian band with the 1972 hit "Wildflower"
48. Actress Ms. Dawson
50. Cards symbol
51. Like dry Spanish wine
52. T.O. basketballer
55. Pet shelter gr.
57. Angkor __ (Temple in Cambodia)
60. Aunt in Oklahoma!
61. General Manager of the Edmonton Oilers, Peter __
63. Ms. Close the actress
64. Dollop with potato latkes: 2 wds.
65. Places for fans in arenas
66. 'I' of TGIF
67. TV actor Sean

DOWN
1. Two peas in __
2. The Producers character
3. __.__.__ (Pilot of Canada's famous Silver Dart biplane in 1909)
4. Cologne conjunction
5. "We are __ / We are golden..." - Joni Mitchell, "Woodstock"
6. Puerto __
7. Chemical suffixes
8. "Rocky" (1976) star ...his initials-sharers
9. Ukulele wood
10. Rooster logo book publisher
11. Verdi opera
12. Mr. Savage
13. Chuck
15. Fennel-like flavour
21. Autumn hue
23. Miner's find
25. Molecular bits
26. Fish __ Provincial Park, AB
27. Suddenly scare!
28. Escapade
29. Hairstylist who is a regular guest expert on "Cityline": 2 wds.
30. Gladiator's 58
31. "__? __? Maybe?" (What do you think?)
34. "SIMPLY AMAZING!"
38. More unique
39. __ In Motion (BlackBerry's old corporate name)
44. Lake: French
46. Underlying
47. Squirrel caches
49. Lyricist, __ Hammerstein II
52. Li'l rules
53. Pas __ (Ballet move)
54. Request
55. Filmed a movie
56. Name of several Popes
58. Wings, to Nero
59. Canuck coffee venue, to regulars
61. Li'l show on Marg Helgenberger's CV
62. Mesozoic __

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Many of you have ideas about how to make improvements at work. Others have ideas about how to make improvements to their own health. Don't hesitate to act on these impulses.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a powerful day for those of you who are involved in teaching children. You might be able to say something that really impacts a young mind; hopefully, for the better

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good day to tackle home repairs and do recycling and garbage cleanup. This might not sound very exciting, but hey, the results are wonderful!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will be convincing today in all your conversations with others, which is why this is a strong day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write. Write on!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a good day to do repairs to something that you own. You might resurrect something questionable and find a good use for it, because you are clever and resourceful.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is the second day this week where the stars want you to take a realistic look in the mirror and see how you can improve your image. What can you do?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your ability to seek out solutions to old problems is excellent today. In fact, any kind of research that you do will yield results. Bravo.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might attract someone very strong to your circle of friends today. Or possibly, you are the person who delivers a strong message to someone else? (It could happen either way.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because you are persuasive today, bosses and VIPs will listen to you. Conversely, you might encounter a boss who is really persuasive as well!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are eager to introduce reforms and better ways of doing things, especially to politics. This is why your discussions with others will be intense and emotional.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You might be able to finalize certain questions regarding inheritances and shared property today. Issues have been going back and forth; but now they might get settled.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Secrets related to your work might come out today. Whatever you do today, you will scrutinize and examine it in depth.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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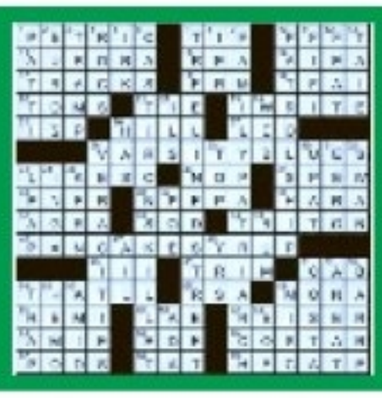

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